

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/4/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 28 May 1999 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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1. Claims 1, 9, 13, and 16 have been amended for further examination.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-20 are allowed.
3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: No prior of record discloses or fairly suggests a special service mailing assembly comprising: a backing sheet; a first mailing form removably attached to the backing sheet, wherein the first

mailing form includes a first return postcard, a first designator section, and a first receipt section contained within the first exterior sides; wherein the first receipt section denotes a type of special delivery services and a cost for delivery by the special delivery services, and wherein the first designator section has a first area that receives variably printed information and denotes one of the type of special delivery services; wherein the first area encircles a tracking area for tracking a mail piece, and further has a color corresponding to one of a plurality of types of special delivery services in which the color is different for each one of the services; and a second mailing form removably attached to the first mailing form and also attached to the backing sheet; wherein the second mailing form has a second receipt section having cost information, a second return postcard, and a second designator section having a second area; and including all of the other limitations of the independent claims.

The Petkovsek references (5,697,648 and 6,371,521) are the closest references to read on applicant's invention. However, Petkovsek reference ('648) does not disclose a first receipt section indicating a type of special delivery service and a cost for the service, and a first area that receives variably printed information. The Petkovsek reference ('521) does not disclose a receipt section indicating a special service and a cost associated with the service, and wherein the first area encircles a tracking area, and a has a color corresponding to a type of special delivery service.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Petkovsek ('521), Petkovsek ('370), Hutchinson, Petkovsek ('603), Petkovsek ('063), and Carter also disclose a similar mailing assembly.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark T. Henderson whose telephone number is (571) 272-4477. The examiner can be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00AM to 3:45PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner Supervisor, Derris Banks, can be reached at (571) 272-4419. The fax number for TC 3700 is (703) 872-9306.



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